

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Applicant has amended claim 1, cancelled claims 4-8 without prejudice and added new claims 10-21.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the claimed invention includes the specific structure associated with the carbon nanotube head, support for which can be found in the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.


In light of the amendments, Applicant submits that the rejections over Crewe, Nickels and the combination thereof are rendered moot, and Applicant thus requests withdrawal of such rejections. Applicant further submits that the claims as amended have not been shown by Crewe, Nickels, or the combination thereof, either in terms of anticipation or obviousness. Applicant does not concede the propriety of the previous rejections. Rather, Applicant has clarified the claims in an attempt to advance prosecution of the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all pending claims are patentable, and respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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